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MONDAY, December 31 ----- Clubrooms, 1475 Broadway
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Once again this New Year's Eve, the Overseas Press Club bows to annual tradition and throws open its hearth and its Clubrooms to OPC Members and their guests. And, as in the past, merry-makers will usher in the New Year from the Club's fourth-floor vantage point above Times Square -- with a variety of refreshment and entertainment.

Suspending all other program activities until the date, the House and Program Committees are joining forces to present the most memorable party in Club history. Refreshments? A chit presented with each admission price entitles all to one liquid pump-primer on the house. Also -- turkeys, hams, hors d'oeuvres, and an extravagant buffet assortment. Entertainment? To be announced next week. And -- valuable door prizes, individual souvenirs, plus hats, noise-makers, etc.

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VICTOR LASKY busy on an original screenplay for Clark Gable. Hopes to be back in New York from Beverly Hills in another two months ... Another West Coaster, HAZEL HARTZOG TOW, writing a weekly feature for the home section of the Imperial Valley Post-Press ... And DEAN JENNINGS has switched from the San Francisco Call-Bulletin to do a column for the San Francisco Chronicle ... NBC on December 30 will present a full-hour summary of the year's headlines, "Voices and Events of 1951", with ROBERT TROUT, H.V. KALTENBORN, GEORGE HICKS and Past President W. W. CHAPLIN as commentators ...

KENNETH S. GINIGER, trade book editor for Prentice-Hall, has been recalled to active duty by the Army as a captain in military intelligence reserve ... Past President LOWELL THOMAS won "best network news show" honors -- with EDWARD R. MURROW in second place--in the Cleveland Plain Dealer's 22nd annual Radio Poll ...

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GLASGOW PRESS CLUB) Presentation of a scroll conveying the greetings of the Glasgow
SENDS OPC GREETINGS) Press Club to the Overseas Press Club was made in a ceremony at Club
VIA LORD PROVOST-) Headquarters November 30 by The Right Honorable, the Lord Provost of
Glasgow, Sir Victor Warren. The Lord Provost, on an official visit to
the United States, presented the document to President JOHN DALY and a reception delegation
which included Vice Presidents WILLIAM P. GRAY, PATRICIA LOCHRIDGE and RALPH H. MAJOR, JR.,
Secretary-Treasurer JOSEPH J. WURZEL and BERT BRANDT.

In conveying the scroll, signed by Glasgow Press Club President A.R.D. Anderson, Sir Victor extended also an invitation for OPCers to visit the Glasgow journalists' society. President DALY gave Sir Victor a letter of acknowledgement -- which conferred exchange privileges on all Glasgow Press Club members visiting New York -- to take back with him to Scotland. The drinking of toasts in Scotch whiskey concluded the ceremony.

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The National League of American Pen Women's New York branch on December 7 held a tea honoring KATHRYN CRAVENS, author of the new, prize-winning novel, "Pursuit of Gentlemen" ... The Advertising Men's Post 209 of the American Legion, according to LOUIS WEINTRAUB, will hold its annual Christmas auction to benefit disabled, hospitalized and paralegic veterans in Greater New York area hospitals at the Hotel Lexington at noon on Monday, December 17 ... Random House's BENNETT CERF speaks December 20 at the annual Christmas party meeting of the Editors Lunch Club ... Capt. HENRY GELLERMANN reportedly assigned to an army psychological warfare unit outside Munich, Germany ...

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CLUB CALENDAR

Freedom of Press Committee Meeting.....Clubrooms.....Tuesday, December 18, 5:30 PM
Board of Governors Meeting.....Clubrooms.....Wednesday, December 26, 8:00 PM

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Chairman BRUNO SHAW announces that HELEN BUCKLER and CROSWELL BOWEN have joined the Freedom of Press and Information Committee.

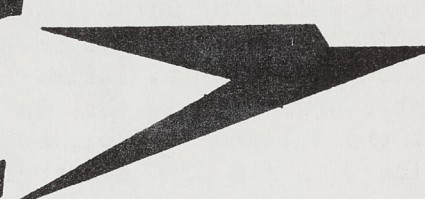
† To anyone in the writing field, the death of Harold Ross comes as a shock and a loss. The founder and, for a quarter-century, editor, of The New Yorker exercised a more profound influence on journalistic style than perhaps any other man in modern times. His demand for excellent prose, coherent copy and crystalline fact was reflected in The New Yorker's "Letters from Abroad" department as well as in its other columns. Members of the Overseas Press Club join their colleagues at The New Yorker in mourning the loss of this dynamic editor. †

Col. ROSWELL P. ROSENGREN, First Army PIO, back at his desk after a month in Brooke Army Hospital, San Antonio, with a throat and lung infection ... New treasurer of the New York chapter, Public Relations Society of America, is CURTIS J. HOXTER. Month ago he started a regular weekly (Saturdays) column, "Behind the Foreign News", in the New York World-Telegram & Sun's financial section. The department analyzes and discusses economic factors in world events ...

MARY HEATON VORSE in New York for several weeks preparing articles for Harper's and Today's Woman .. On a recent "People's Platform", SIGRID SCHULTZ discussed the German problem with General Howley ...
Post carded regards from the Mexico-bound HARRY BISHOPS ...

HENRY C. WOLFE, who has been on a lecture tour of the Middle West, recently addressed the College Endowment Series in Milwaukee for the eleventh consecutive year ...

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A welcome-back to Program Chairman SANFORD GRIFFITH, just recovered from some scalpel work at Mt. Sinai Hospital ... BERT BRANDT getting a "Don't take my pitchah now!" from Tallulah Bankhead, currently suing her ex-maid for theft and forgery ...

/A Memo from The Editor.../ The Bulletin's Editorial Board and its Editor constantly strive to produce a more efficient and more useful Club organ. Within the limitations set by revenue, space and format, the staff tries each week to publish an interesting, informative Bulletin covering news of all Members' activities, items from abroad, inside reports on trends in foreign correspondence and facts of real benefit to readers.

We are now hoping to expand our coverage to an even broader section of OPC membership, especially in the foreign field. Within the next few weeks The Bulletin hopes to add to its roster of Special Correspondents qualified representatives in areas and cities which, thus far, have not been regularly canvassed. Also, The Bulletin wants to recruit a staff of volunteer legmen -- reporters, editors, newsmen in various shops -- who will funnel to us news of interest to Bulletin readers.

To accomplish this goal, The Bulletin must call on Members for personal, individual aid. Today The Editor needs new foreign correspondents -- in such spots as North Africa, the Balkans (Belgrade, for instance), Egypt, the Middle East, Hawaii, Canada and South America. Moreover, we welcome offers from Members to act as our representatives in those areas. Here in the U.S., legmen are required in many of the larger newspaper, network and press service offices.

If you can contribute a few lines every couple of weeks to this endeavor, OPC Members everywhere would be grateful. May we have your help? RM.

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* THE OVERSEAS TICKER *

TOKYO DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- MAX DESFOR, Pulitzer Prize-winning AP photographer, returned to Japan November 23 to become photo editor for the AP bureau here ... He replaces Bob Otey, who goes Stateside on December 18 after nine months in the Far East; returns to the Kansas City bureau and home ... John

Chabot Smith, one-time New York Herald Tribune correspondent and reporter, arrived here recently as public information representative for the American Red Cross in the Far East ...

The Boston Post's Benjamin Gray hit Tokyo on November 23, and VICTOR KENDRICK and Frederick Painton, accredited to UP, checked in here November 24 ... Catherine Lowes came into town on November 16 for Reader's Digest, and Jakov Levi of Borba, Yugoslavia, landed November 24. Because of his Yugoslav background and sponsorship, Mr. Levi received some extra-special coverage in stateside dispatches from his colleague correspondents here ... John Henderson, an ex-AP staffer, in Tokyo from Manila to become press attache at the post-occupation U.S. Embassy here ...

This is a busy news center these days -- truce talks, atrocity reports, cease-fire on or off, Vice President Barkley and Assistant Secretary of State Dean Rusk arrivals and departures, and exhibition bouts by Joe Louis.-- (JACOBUS TenBERGE).



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MEMBERS HEAR INFORMATIVE) An exciting story of a personal expedition up the Mountains
AMUSING REPORTS OF TRAVELS) of the Moon in Africa and an incisive report on Yugoslavian
FROM TWO "JUST BACK" MEMBERS) and Middle Eastern political affairs highlighted the OPC's
cocktail-party meeting at the Clubrooms on December 12.

Speakers were ELIOT ELISOFFON, Life photographer recently returned from Africa, and HAL LEHRMAN, another recent-returnee, who spent four months abroad on two foreign-study fellowships.

Facing microphones set up to tape-record the session for possible radio promotion, Past President LOUIS P. LOCHNER introduced the guests after Vice President RALPH H. MAJOR, JR., opened the meeting. ELISOFFON, who began by saying he had always hoped to climb the strange "Mountains of the Moon" but that "Life is no foundation or fellowship," finally won his dream assignment and set off to tackle the five tall peaks between the Belgian Congo and Uganda which divide the watershed between the Nile and Congo rivers.

"It rains all the time up in those mountains", he said, "because all the clouds seem to converge there and empty their contents". Also, he was amazed to find Alpine vegetation at the equator. Their party ploughed, for instance, through 8-foot-high moss. In a final try for the top, ELISOFFON deliberately separated himself from the other two members of his party to make a picture. A storm erupted, followed by an avalanche; although he shouted constantly, he was unable to make himself heard to his two colleagues. When they finally were reunited, ELISOFFON discovered that the avalanche had been caused by a strong wind that had kept their voices from reaching him, while his friends heard his own calls for help perfectly. Although the party did not make the top of the peak, they reached within 150 feet of the summit.

Back in the old days, said HAL LEHRMAN, when he was PM correspondent in Yugoslavia, in 1945, he was often "mistaken" for a police spy posing as an American foreign correspondent. In those days, he was first impressed; then disillusioned. Once the Comintern split occurred, two characters in the press office were, he said, "slightly liquidated" -- kicked downstairs. He found out, also, on his second visit, that it was possible to talk effectively with strangers -- but hotel lobbies still were packed with the familiar figures whose profession was easily guessed. Do Yugoslavs like Marshal Tito?, he was asked. "Yes," LEHRMAN replied, "100 percent -- one percent for Tito and 99 percent for Marshall!" He does not, however, believe, that our friendship with Yugoslavia is "a very close or passionate one". There is not, he said, too much confidence on one side or the other...Thanks for this Bulletin report are due to RUTH LLOYD.

The door prize, "The Reds Take A City" by John W. Riley, Jr. and Wilbur Schram (Rutgers University Press), was won by BETTY BETZ.

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